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owl (*Bubo virginianus*); 2 gray foxes (*Vulpes virginianus*); 1 raccoon (*Procyon lotor*); 1 garter snake (*Eutania sirtalis*); 1 woodchuck (*Arctomys mounax*); 5 alligators (*Alligator mississippiensis*); 2 wild boars (*Sus scrofa*), North Africa.

— A new industry has recently sprung up in parts of Minnesota, namely, frog culture; it is a simple matter, consisting chiefly in the protection of eggs and tadpoles from birds and other enemies, by means of wire screens. The product, thus far reported, amounts to 3,000 dozen of frogs' legs, of which about two-thirds have been shipped to St. Louis. The average quotation of prices is 20 cents per dozen.

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PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—May 14.—Mr. Jesse Young read a paper upon his recent journey of exploration as the astronomer of the Giles Expedition across the continent of Australia, with descriptions of the deserts, native races and the natural history of the country.

May 28.—Gen. C. Chaillé Long lectured on Egypt, Africa and Africans, embracing the following subjects: Egypt's annexations; the results of his expeditions in Central and Oriental Africa; his discovery of Lake Ibrahim and two hundred miles of the unknown White Nile; the source of the Nile; M'tse, King of Uganda; the Niam-Niams; Akka, or Ticki-Ticki, and the Anthropophagi and pigmy tribes.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY.—May 15.—Mr. Richard Rathbun read a Description of a Coral Reef in the Bay of Bahia, Brazil. Mr. J. A. Allen spoke on the Fossil Birds of North America, and Dr. T. Sterry Hunt remarked on the Taconic Rocks of North America.

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SCIENTIFIC SERIALS.¹

TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The last numbers (1 and 2 of vol. vii.) of the Transactions of the American Entomological Society, contains some articles of unusual interest. Among them are Notes on some species of *Hister*, and an elaborate revision of the species of *Acmæodera* of the United States, by Dr. Horn, illustrated by a plate. Dr. Horn also contributes Notes on some genera of *Cerambycidae* of the United States. A number of new North American *Hymenoptera* are described by Mr. E. T. Cresson, comprising mostly bees. The most important paper is Dr. Horn's Descriptions of the larvæ of the North American genera of *Cicindelidæ*, also of *Dicælus*, with a note on *Rhynchophorus*, and illustrated with a plate, showing with more or less detail the larvæ of *Amblychlila cylindriciformis*, *Omus dejeanii*, *Tetracha carolina*, *Cicindela repanda*, *Dicælus (costatus? purpuratus?)*.

¹ The contents of these journals are for the most part selected.